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Debbie Feinstein

Debbie Feinstein has been an Assistant State's Attorney in Montgomery County, Maryland for the past 23 years. In 2012, she became the Chief of the Special Victims' Division where she is responsible for supervising and prosecuting cases involving homicide, child physical abuse, sexual abuse, and exploitation; domestic violence; elder abuse; human trafficking; and sexual assault. Ms. Feinstein served as the vice-chair and then chair of the Montgomery County's Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (DVCC) from 2014-2022. She currently serves as the chair of the DVCC's Education and Outreach Committee and the Choose Respect Healthy Teen Dating and Sexual Assault Prevention initiative, as well as the chair of the Montgomery County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team and the Elder/Vulnerable Adult Abuse Task Force. She is a member of other collaborative multidisciplinary teams, including the Montgomery County Sexual Assault Response Team, the Montgomery County Human Trafficking Prevention Committee, and the State Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force. Ms. Feinstein also chairs the special victims' prosecution subcommittee for the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association and is a member of the Governor's Family Violence Council. Ms. Feinstein has worked on multiple successful statewide legislative efforts, including a law that delineates nonfatal strangulation as a felony in Maryland and a law that extends the tender years hearsay exception to child victims of and witnesses to crimes of violence, including sex trafficking. She has presented on her areas of specialty at international, national, and local trainings, including for prosecutors in Vietnam and Colombia, for the National District Attorney's Association, and the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Ms. Feinstein is also an adjunct professor at the Washington College of Law at American University.